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total project cost. Ten percent of total roadway project cost is, in fact, a legitimate goal for bicycle travel facilities in this corridor and throughout northeastern Illinois.

This proposed bikeway, if it is truly to be a partner in achieving ISTE and CAA objectives, must be viewed as a part of the total project. It is not an enhancement of this roadway facility because it is helping to achieve common objectives.

We appreciate your recognition of the need for non-motorized travel options and your consideration of our preferred bikeway alignment in the planning and designing of FAP 340.

Sincerely,

Robert Hickman, Director, Lemont Park District
Alan F. J. J., Planner, Village of Lemont
Gordon McChesley, City of Lockport

Joseph J. J., Village of Woodridge
Michael J. J., DuPage County Regional Planning Commission Staff
James P. J., Bolingbrook Park District
Michelle R. J., Lockport Township Park District
William McCallum, Director, New Lenox Park District
Michael J. J., Woodridge Park District PLANNING/DEVL.
John M. J., Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
John M. J., Director, Forest Preserve District of Will County

cc Robert Hickman, Executive Director, ISTHA

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May 31, 1995

Ms. Deborah J. Fagan
Principal Planner
DuPage County Regional Planning Commission
421 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

RE: FAP 340
North-South Tollway
South Extension

Dear Ms. Fagan:

Your March 29, 1995 letter representing the DuPage County Regional Planning Commission, the DuPage County Forest Preserve District, the Village of Woodridge, and the Woodridge Park District, has been received. IDOT responded to you and accurately expressed the Authority's position regarding the coordination that has taken place.

At this time the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority plans to provide a bridge across the Des Plaines River which will be available to accommodate bicycle travel across the Des Plaines River. As you know, we have been coordinating with the various local agencies including the Will and Cook County Forest Preserve Districts which have jurisdiction within the valley and they are aware of the current bikeway plans.

If you have any questions or desire further information, please feel free to call Ken Desmaretz (708) 241-6800 extension 3901 or Kestutis "Kesti" P. Susinskas, at extension 3933.

Sincerely,

Ralph C. Wehner
Ralph C. Wehner, P.E.
Executive Director

cc: Kenneth L. Desmaretz, P.E.
Kestutis P. Susinskas, P.E.

The Illinois Tollway paid for by toll revenue not Federal or State tax dollars.

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March 29, 1995

Duane Carlson, District Engineer
Illinois Department of Transportation
201 W. Center Court
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Dear Mr. Carlson:

- 4.5 As you know, our respective agencies have been working with you and your staff on bikeway issues concerning the I-355 extension and its connection in DuPage County. Several alternatives have been discussed concerning accommodations for bicyclists.

As engineering progresses, particularly on the bridge crossings over the Des Plaines River and adjacent waterways, we would like to request that the design of the bridge be such that it could later accommodate retrofitting a bicycle bridge to this facility. While we understand that there are no immediate plans to construct such an improvement, we would like the design to keep the possibility of such a facility open for future consideration.

If there are any questions or you require any additional information, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Principal Planner
DuPage County
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Jan Beall
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cc: Craig Williams, IDOT State Bicycle Coordinator

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February 28, 2001

Mr. John Kos
District Engineer
Illinois Department of Transportation
201 West Center Court
Schaumburg, IL 60196

Re: Comments on the Draft SFEIS on FAP Route 340 (I-355 South Extension)

Dear Mr. Kos:

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County (District) has commented on previous iterations of this EIS process during which we have expressed various concerns. During its review of collective written comments and hearing testimony contained in the 1996 FEIS, the District concurred with concerns regarding potential natural resource impacts brought to your attention by other conservation and land management agencies having responsibilities germane to jurisdictional resources or a specific area of discipline. Since the direct footprint of any proposed alternative remained outside the Wood Ridge Forest Preserve and largely outside our County's District, we have reserved appropriate and detailed comment awaiting further studies, analysis, and projections on the "Affected Environment", "Alternatives" and "Environmental Consequences". Subsequently we assume this is the reason the 1996 FEIS, section 5.6.3 reports, "The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County has not voiced opposition to the proximity of the alignment to their property." At this time the District submits these enclosed comments into the record in regards to review of the 2000 Draft SFEIS (DSFEIS).

General Comments:

Direct comments provided herein or any omission to comment on other elements or content of the 1996 FEIS and 2000 DSFEIS does not necessarily represent by the District an acceptance of, or preclude opposition to, IDOT/ISTHA's "Preferred Tollroad/Freeway Alternative" for the FAP 340 study corridor. The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is concerned and clearly opposes negative impacts to the natural resources of the Wood Ridge Forest Preserve. The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County further concurs and specifically supports Cook County Forest Preserve, Will County Forest Preserve, IDNR, Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, and USFWS. In the view that an alignment crossing the DesPlaines river bluff and valley which does not negatively impact the associated ecosystems would be our preferred alternative. However, such an alternative is not being considered by IDOT/ISTHA within the 2000 DSFEIS and our further comments reflect application to the alignment presented. Three primary areas of concern are discussed.

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